

## Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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**To:** Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

**Subject:** Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections

On page 24 lines 537-to 546 one of our primary care doctors has asked, do you also recommend using 2% chlorhexadine wash daily for those who are not currently not in ICU, but specifically want to ask for recommendations for a 19 yr old with a bleeding disorder who is not immune compromised but has a long history of repeated infections in spite of careful asepsis by the family at home and being observed with a skilled RN and with experience in CVS line care. They also had the patient come to clinic for each dressing change by an experienced hematology RN, with no change in frequency of infection rate. The physician and nurse practitioner are concerned about cost of daily washing with chlorhexadine, potential rashes or skin irritation. Should the recommended wash be for whole body, or primarily the limb or area of the PICC line or port or CVS when the patient comes to clinic for routine care or treatment for an infection? We realize this information was extrapolated from ICU patients and does not address non-hospitalized patients, but your feedback would be welcomed. This is a very thorough and well written document, and addresses many concerns that have been updated or changed since the last guidelines were written.

Sincerely,

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